"SHIRTSLEEVE" SESSION

Date: February 9, 2010

Time: 7:00 a.m.

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## **Informal Informational Meeting**

- A. Roll Call by City Clerk
- B. Topic(s)
  - B-1 Presentation on the California High-Speed and Regional Rail Program (CD)
- C. Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items
- D. Adjournment

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City Clerk	

**AGENDA TITLE:** Presentation on the California High-Speed and Regional Rail Program

**MEETING DATE:** February 9, 2010

PREPARED BY: Community Development Director

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**: Presentation on the California High-Speed Rail Program and its

implication for Regional Rail.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**: As the City Council is aware, the California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) is preparing an Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) for the Merced to Sacramento High Speed Train (HST) Project as part of the state-wide system.

The Statewide Program EIR/EIS generally selected the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) corridor for the high-speed train route from Sacramento to Stockton. However, due to federal regulations under the Clean Water Act and because the UPRR alignment option may have more potential impacts to waters and biological resources, the Central California Traction (CCT) alignment option will also be evaluated as part of the Project EIR/EIS. The Burlington Northern/Santa Fe (BNSF) corridor was selected for the route between Stockton and Merced. The alignment selected uses the UPRR corridor through the portion of the Central Valley from Merced to just south of Stockton, and the BNSF corridor was recommended for further study in this area for the Project EIRIEIS. Stations are planned in Merced, Modesto, Stockton and Sacramento.

Brian Schmidt from the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission will be present at the Shirtsleeve meeting to provide an overview of the program and a status of the segment from Sacramento to Merced as well as its implications for regional rail service.

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